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San Joaquin County is located in the heart of the Central Valley. The county is bordered on the north by Sacramento County, on the east by Amador and Calaveras counties, on the south and the east by Stanislaus County, and on the west by Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

San Joaquin County will grow to a projected population of 884,400 by the year 2020. San Joaquin is one of the fastest growing counties in California. The increase in new residents is expected to be more than 52 percent.

The 1999 annual average statistics show the civilian labor force for the county to be 253,000 with an unemployment rate of 8.8 percent. This is higher than the state's unemployment rate of 5.2 percent.

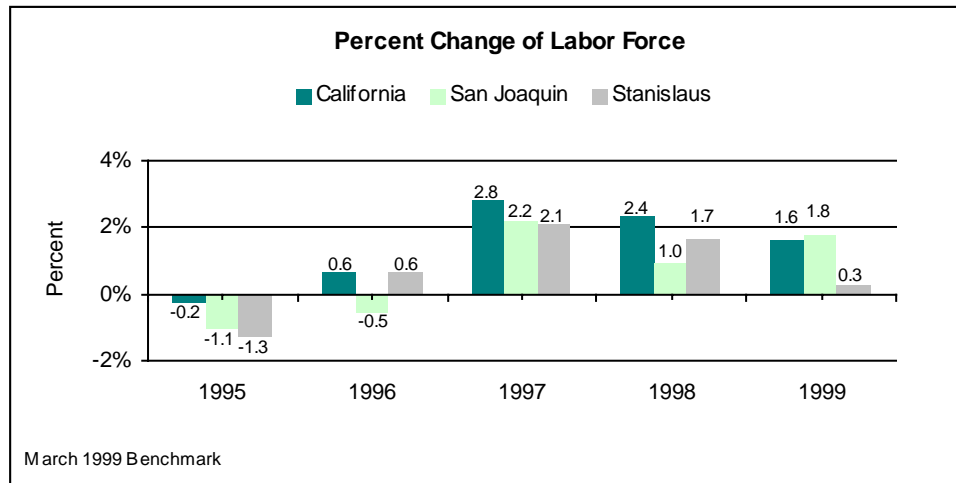
Services is the largest industry in the county, accounting for 22.7 percent of total employment. Other important industry sectors are government at 18 percent and retail trade at 16.4 percent.

Retail trade is one of the fastest growing industries with a projected growth rate of over 37 percent. Retail salespersons are expected to account for more than 2,200 job openings by 2002.

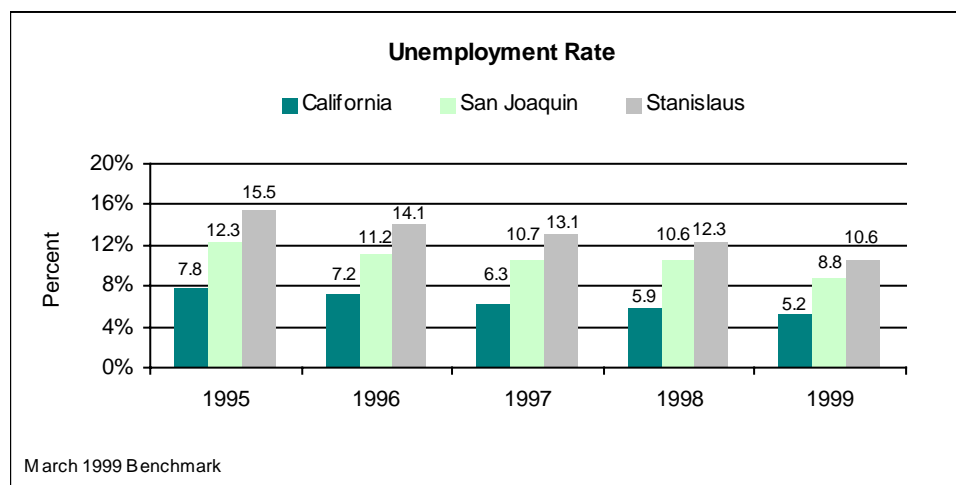
Labor market conditions in San Joaquin County, also known as the Stockton Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), have been steadily improving over the last five years. The county continues to record job growth and lower unemployment rates.

LABOR FORCE

San Joaquin County's civilian labor force rebounded in 1997 with 2.2 percent growth mirroring Stanislaus County's growth of 2.1 percent. From 1995 to 1999, the county's labor force increased by 4.5 percent while the labor force in Stanislaus County increased by 4.7 percent.

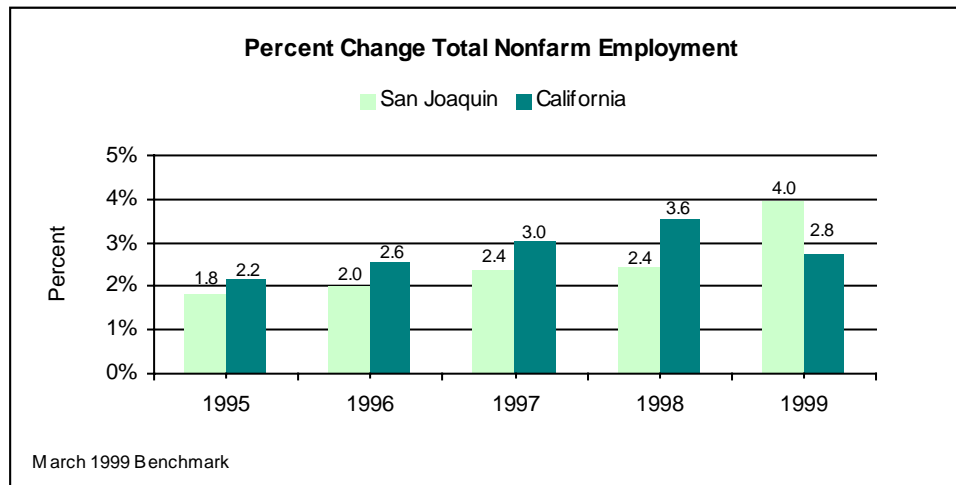


While steadily declining since 1995, unemployment rates for San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties have consistently exceeded the unemployment rate for the state. The annual average unemployment rate for San Joaquin County dropped 3.5 percentage points, from a high of 12.3 percent in 1995, to 8.8 percent in 1999.

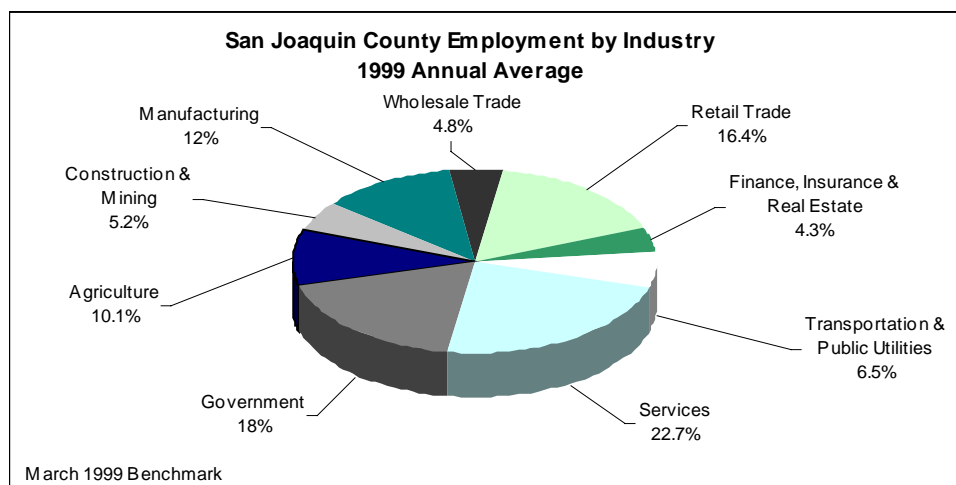


INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

San Joaquin county nonagricultural wage and salary employment has shown strong growth since 1995, with the greatest year-over change occurring in 1999. The county's nonfarm payroll employment gained 18,000 jobs by 1999. Services accounted for the greatest growth, with business services being the dominant component.



In 1999, San Joaquin County employment was dominated by services, government, and retail trade. It is expected that the greatest future, nonagricultural, growth in the county will be in the same three industry sectors.



OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Demographic trends, shifts in demands for products or services, technological innovations and the way business is conducted are some of the variables that drive employment in an occupation up or down. Also, occupations which have large employment and have high turnover rates generally provide the most job openings. San Joaquin County is projected to have many employment opportunities in these high turnover occupations.

Associated Occupations	RETAIL TRADE 1995 – 2002 Projected Growth 37.8%
	Salespersons, Retail – 2210 job openings. Get the customer interested by describing the merchandise and showing how it is used. May also order merchandise, stock shelves, mark price tags, take inventory and prepare displays. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.37
	Cashiers – 1820 job openings. Handle cash and credit payments, make change, give receipts, account for all payments, and perform related clerical duties. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.56
	First-Line Supervisor / Manager Sales – 640 job openings. Directly supervise and coordinate activities of marketing, sales, and related workers. May perform management functions, such as budgeting, accounting, marketing, and personnel work. Work Experience. Median Hourly Wage - \$14.34
	Waiters and Waitresses – 580 job openings. Serve food and drink to customers. Duties may include explanation about how the meal is prepared, wine recommendations or simple food preparation at the table. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$5.96
	Stock Clerks, Sales Floor – 470 job openings. Receive, store, and issue sales floor merchandise. Stock shelves, racks, cases, bins, and tables with merchandise and arrange merchandise displays to attract customers. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.30
Associated Occupations	SERVICES 1995 – 2002 Projected Growth 27.9%
	Registered Nurses – 500 job openings. Provide direct bedside care and assist physicians with examinations, chart the conditions of patients, give medication, and administer treatment as ordered by the doctor. May supervise auxiliary nursing personnel. Associate Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$26.34
	Nurse Aides, Orderlies, Attendants – 390 job openings. Help care for physically or mentally ill, injured, disabled, or infirm individuals confined to hospitals and residential care facilities. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.99
	Janitors, Cleaners-Except Maids – 300 job openings. Keep buildings in clean and orderly condition; perform heavy cleaning duties such as operating motor driven cleaning equipment, mopping floors, washing walls and glass, and removing rubbish. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.89
	Receptionists, Information Clerks – 290 job openings. Answer inquiries and obtain information for the general public concerning activities conducted at an establishment, such as the location of offices or persons within the firm, departments within the store, or services within the hotel. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$8.27
	Guards and Watch Guards – 290 job openings. Stand guard at entrance gates or walk about premises of businesses, industrial establishments, or private residences to prevent theft, violence or infractions of rules. Direct patrons or employees, control traffic. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.12
Associated Occupations	GOVERNMENT 1995 – 2002 Projected Growth 8.0%
	Correction Officers, Jailers – 640 job openings. Guard inmates in penal or rehabilitative institutions in accordance with established regulations and procedures. May guard prisoners in transit. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$20.01
	Social Workers, Except Medical And Psychiatric – 120 job openings. Counsel and aid individuals and families requiring social service assistance. Bachelor's Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$23.85
	First-Line Supervisor / Manager, Clerical ADM SUP – 60 job openings. Directly supervise and coordinate activities of clerical and administrative support workers. Managers / Supervisors are generally found in smaller establishments where they perform both supervisory and management functions. Work Experience. Median Hourly Wage - \$14.56
	Police Patrol Officers – 60 job openings. Maintain order, enforce laws and ordinances, protect life and property in an assigned patrol district or beat. Patrol on foot or in a vehicle; investigate accidents; apprehend, arrest and process prisoners; and give evidence in court. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$20.19
	Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs – 60 job openings. Enforce law and order in rural or unincorporated districts or serve legal processes of courts. May patrol courthouse, guard court or grand jury, or escort defendants. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$13.94

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